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The average daily circulation of the Barre Daily Times for the week ending Saturday was

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copies, the largest paid circulation of any daily paper in this section.

Yes, there are a few hotter, but we hope not in this package.

Massachusetts is trying to prevent "unreasonable" smoking by automobiles.

Mrs. Maria M. Ricker of Dover, N. H., wants to be governess of West Hampshire.

The dimensions of the heat wave are better known now, for Glidden up in his balloon says it is 2,100 feet deep, and we already knew that it was interminably long.

With its usual inquisitiveness, the public wants to know why Kermit Roosevelt is going right back to Europe. For the reason, ask anybody why one goes to Europe and get the answer that it is one's own business.

It rests largely with Italy whether Porter Charlton is ever brought to trial for the murder of his wife at Lake Como, Italy. The United States cannot well force Charlton onto the Italian government, although it now has the young man in custody.

One is apt to wonder whether there would have been such a hue and cry about these Johnson-Jeffries fight pictures if the white man had won rather than the black man. Probably at least half the protest against the presentation of the pictures is animated by the desire to deprive the colored race of whatever glory there is in one black man beating down one white man. If Jeffries had won, this half would never have raised a finger in protest.

Although 8,000 is a very small proportion of the total number of immigrants who have come into the United States during the past two and a half years, it is, nevertheless, pleasing to know that the immigration and information bureau of the department of commerce and labor is endeavoring to turn as many of them as that to the farm and that only twenty out of the 8,000 drifted back to the cities. Those 7,980 should furnish a magnet for many thousands of their friends who are coming across, thus aiding in solving the immigration problem.

Men who are constantly engaged in handling firearms ought to know better than to be as careless as that Fort Ethan Allen trooper who shot a comrade last Friday because he "didn't know it was loaded." Had the accident been caused by the foolishness of a child, it would have been excused; but a full grown man, and a soldier at that, should be more intelligent than to snap a revolver several times while the revolver was pointed in the direction of another human being. That is a remarkable situation.

In speaking of the development of the playground idea in its city, the Springfield, Mass., Republican has the following:

"Only by making some such tour of the playgrounds of the city as was made during the past week by members of the city government, including the mayor, would it be possible to form an adequate idea of the amount of good that is being done by these institutions. To pass from one group of romping children to another, all delighting in the joys of swings and slides, and the other ingenious apparatus for their amusement, is about as satisfying an experience as can be imagined. But there are not as yet enough playgrounds to meet the manifest need."

The same sentiment can well be taken by Barre people who have watched the work of the single playground provided through the instrumentality of the Civic Federation.

"SPOTTER" SYSTEM AGAIN FAILS.

The career of the "spotter" in Ohio went a great deal as that of the "spotter" in Vermont a few years ago. Too often the men who undertake this work are reckless young men, who have not the proper mental poise to fit them for the trying situations into which they are bound to get in their underhanded work of ferreting out crime by mixing in crime. At best, the "spotter's" work should be that of a mature, well-balanced man (if such methods of detective work are to be permitted at all), so that such terrible consequences as that at Newark, Ohio, might be avoided. But there is grave doubt about the advisability of entering upon such line of law defense under any conditions, because of the tangled web of law violation which it may lead into. In the case in point at Newark, it led to one murder and then to the complete surrender of the entire community to mob violence, while the angry crowd was taking summary punishment out of the man who had committed the murder and who was being held for trial with every probability of being convicted of murder in some degree. Thus did the "spotter" system in the liquor business bring ignominy upon an entire community, while at the same time two lives were sacrificed to



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the passions of men. Violations of the liquor law would have been preferable to this wholesale dipping into crime. That will be readily admitted by everyone. Newark's experience will be apt to bring the system into still further ill-repute, granting that the purposes back of it are commendable. Vermont became disgusted with this manner of collecting evidence because of the character of the persons who are willing to denigrate themselves enough to engage in the work.

Current Comment

Developing White River Valley.

An important step in the further progress and development of the White River valley has been taken in an act that has resulted in the formation of the White River Valley Northcultural society. Its location is South Royalton, and its membership to date consists in the main of residents of that progressive community. It is proposed to hold annual exhibitions of fruit, flowers and vegetables. The president of the society is Dr. Deering, a young man and an expert horticulturist. Its secretary is Rev. Sherman Goodwin, pastor of the Congregational church in South Royalton and one who is ever

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active in works for the public good. The organization is one calculated to do much good in its territory and is deserving of Royalton's location is admirable for the purpose, as it is the center of numerous towns and villages, containing as they do much of the best farming lands in the state.—White River Junction Landmark.

Sensible Education.

Every part of the state of Vermont takes a natural pride in the educational institution, located at Burlington, which has just held its 100th commencement. For over one hundred years, the university of Vermont has been sending out into the world young people fitted to do honor to the institution and the state. During all these years it has been a potent force for practical, helpful education. It has not stood so much for the

frills and furbelows, but has been strong on the essentials. It has educated men and women to take up the practical part of life. Ornamental education has become something of a fad in many of our so-called leading institutions of learning throughout the country, and it is a source of congratulation that so many of the smaller colleges in New England have remained true to their early traditions. They are character builders and the wisdom of their plan has been demonstrated over and over again by the graduates, men and women, who have made good in the work of the world. The university of Vermont has as usual this year sent out a representative class, sturdy young men and women, who will honor it and reflect honor upon the state. The faculty, from the president down, are to be congratulated and praised. It does no harm, either, for the

people of the state to put themselves on the back, once a year, because they have an excellent institution of learning so close at hand at which their young men and women may receive such practical and beneficial training.—Burlington Clipper.

President Taft's Way.

President Taft did not lose any time in declaring the reservation of a large tract of Uncle Sam's domain for the use and behoof of all the people, as soon as he felt sure that he had the authority to do so. He did not find in the constitution all the authority that he desired, for the constitution was drafted long ago by men who had no idea that the question of the conservation, rather than the development and exploitation, of the nation's natural resources would ever come up. So he proceeded to see to it first that Congress should enact a law with special reference to the case in question, and as soon as that law was passed he proceeded to act under it. A vast tract is already set apart by the presidential order. It is safe from the speculators, and the resources of timber and mineral wealth will remain in the hands of the people, instead of falling into the hands of a few men with a pull. It is President Taft's way, and it appears to be highly satisfactory to the people whom he is working for.—Manchester Union.

Jingles and Jest

The Saintly Gelfer.

[Mr. Balfour is reported to have said "Bother" recently in a golfing match on missing a shot.]
Oft have I lollered with the lecherous crowd
Who hack the turf upon some grassy plot
And listened, while aloud
They hurled their oaths broadcast about the spot.
Old men and young with drivers, putters, cleeks,
In various coats and breeches,
Once mild as any lamb—
A flow of language gathering in its force,
Which generally finished up its course
By coming to a dam.
Judge then how much my soulful breast
Was stirred
When you with yonder virile Tory tongue
Wasted a harmless word
Deep from the bottom of your powerful lung.
Gods! what a sight it must have been
To see
A saint around a tee,
Or when about to putt
And missing, just to hear upon the wind
No wild explosion of a heathen kind,
But a wee, plaintive, "Tut!"
Ah! and if only you might do the same,
Politely speaking, in the House,
And in a graver game
Keep every passion quiet as a mouse;
If only, when you send a human law,
You jumped upon your feet,
And, like the silver lute,
Gave a soft answer to a seething mob
Of unreasoning, unfeeling, unfeeling
And merely murdered "Bother!"
—London Truth.

The Refugees.

"Now, stranger, it isn't etiquette in Frozen Dog to ask a man why he came here."
"I know all about that. It's the same way in Paris."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Mistake.

"You don't want to make any mistake about Philadelphia's being a slow town," said Dobbins. "No, sir, I do. I counted a thirty-day note over there once, and by Jingo, thirty days pass just as quickly over there as they do here."—Lippincott's.

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